

PUBLISHED DAILY AND TRI-WEEKLY B EDGAR SNOWDEN.

During the debate in the U.S. House of Representatives, last Tuesday, on the powers of the Committee on Commerce. Mr. Conger, of Michigan, raised a laugh at the expense of

under the usage of the House, is a reason that lies deeper than the demands of a committee; it lies far back of the pride or the ambition of the chairman of any committee; it lies in that principle of strict construction, of which my distinguished friend from Virginia, | Mr. Tuck er,] who sats near me, is the physical and beautiful embodiment in this House. The Committee on Railways and Canals and their friends could find no power in the Constitution to appropriate money for roads or canals or for to be feared his prompters will select that improving the navigation of rivers. But, sir, there is always found a great general power, a blessed power-to be used when we want to use is and to be thrown aside when we do not want to use it-a power to be found in those beauti ful clauses upon which the feet of the strict constructionists from Virginia may rest in peaceful repose-the power to regulate commerce and to do all that benefits commerce. Ah, the Committee on Commerce was able to discover this sweet resting place for the fierce democracy to gather round in voting money for internal improvements-the power to regulate commerce, as including the improvement of rivers and harbors, as well as the building of lighthouses, &c. Under this power the entire democratic vote, North and South, East and West, has been found in late years putting through these internal improvement bills, under a sus pension of the rules, so quickly that the tender conscience of the strictest constructionist could not be offended. In this way hundreds of thousands of dollars have been voted, contrary to the old doctrine of the democracy, and with no authority whatever, if they had not been able, under the lead of the Committee on Commerce, to find authority under the power to regulate commerce."

In our opinion the idea of strict construction of the Constitution, even when that instrument | Nothing positive, however, is known. embodied the element of stability, was, when it MANCHESTER, Dec. 6 .- The Guardian's militated, as it often did, against the unquestionable improvement of the country, at best only plausible; but to be advocating the strict MacMahon, but failed to see even a Secretary. construction of what experience has proved can They were received and bowed out by an usher be made to mean one thing to-day and another and returned to Elbeur with their memorial. to-morrow, just as the majority of these to whom its construction is referred may desire, President MacMahon and M. Dufaure were rein other words to be wasting time in an effort sumed in consequence of the step taken by Sento strictly con-true what the lapse of years and ator Batbie." the change in the popular mind have rendered Orleanist Senators.] almost incapable of being strictly construed, what is absolutely without the realm of ideas about which opinious can agree, and what, with even these impossible conditions complied with, would be totally out of place as a Ministers. M. Bathie as Minister of Justice, governing principle in such a country as this M. Waddington as Minister of the Interior, M. has become, and amid such ideas as new prevail, Leon Say es Minister of Finance and M. Chris is as profidess as would be the re enunciation of the resolutions of '98. Unfortunately, neither the times, the morals of the people, nor the requirements of the country, especially the Southern person of it, are compatible with a and we are glad to see evidences that the South is learning by sad experience to follow their example, and that the strict constructionists are growing small by degrees, and beautifully

Speaker of the House of Delegates, for he will Their course is certainly calculated to disrupt the conservative organization. Bad as it was, however, we cannot think that they really will attempt any measure that will tend to injure either the honor or credit of the State, as any project that even savors of forcible readjustment will certainly do, but that, on the contrary, they will read, ponder and inwardly digest the wise and patriotic recommendations

in public estimation to satisfy the most rancorous enemy of free institutions heretofore, but new Judge Humphries has affixed to that body the legal stamp of infamy by deciding that it is a safe resort for felous.

morning daily, made its first appearance to day, as previously appounced, and shows, in each of and they refuse to go any farther. No money the several departments that go to make up a has been appropriated which can be used to House has reported in favor of seating Patterfirst class journal, that it is in proper hands, and

Persons who have claims before the South ern Claims Commission, and who fail to present proofs by the 10th of March next, will be excluded. The commission will expire on the 10th

the bankruptey case of M. Slaughter & Son, in which it was decided that though the Excelsior Mills property was conveyed by deed to M. Slaughter individually, yet, having been wholly paid for by the partnership from its means, and used for partnership purposes, the proceeds of sale (after payment of prior lies) were partner ship assets and to be distributed to the social oreditors. These assets therefore go to the lings Bank, has been arrested on the charge of partnership creditors.

France A dispatch from Paris says:-"All the ucgotiations which have been going on conceal a

plan is no other than a fixed idea of a second dissolution. President MacMahon summoned the Duke d'Audiffret Pasquier and MM. Grevy and Dufaure to the Elysee, but did not enter ate, which was agreed to. This is in consequence on the question of a new Cabinet with any of of an agreement made yesterday with the dem them. Then he saw Senator Duelere, and cerais that they should have a larger represenasked him what the Left demanded. M. Dutation on the committees. elere, thicking to bring about a compromise,

wrote a note expressing his views of what his fix the value of the gold coins of the world was

> papers in the case of Chas. Young be taken from the file and referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, which was agreed to. Mr. Iogails moved that the silver bill be made the special order of the day for Monday

In the debate on the subject Mr. Thurman said that the Eustis case would be called up on Morday, as it could not be called up to day, because the report was not entirely path of a second dissolution. The Chamber completed. For this reason he hoped that the

having furnished no pretext, one is sought for outside, and when it is believed to have been Messrs. Dawes, Bayard, Ingalls and others. found this note is issued as the first warning of Mr. Withers inquired whether even if the the battles in which it is desired to engage. The bill were made a special order, it could not be scheme is transparent. After the overwhelm-

see aside by a vote of the Senate. ing contradiction given to the note by last night's

> After further debate a motion was made to postpone the bill until after the Christmas reess. On this the test vote took place as follows: -- Ayes 18, nees 41, Messrs, Withers and

> All the Senators not voting were paired. The hill was fixed for Tuesday next by a vote except that the positions of Senators were re-

The Pacific Railroad resolution of it quiry The Senate then went into executive session and afterwards adjourned till to-morrow.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. After the reading of the journal in the House

A resolution of erquiry into the causes of the revolution in Cuba, with the probable result of the war, and what friendly measures should be taken by the U. S. in order that the liberty of the Cubans should be recognized. and slavery abolished in the Island, was object-

the coast of Mississippi, Louisiann, &c., to adjust c reain difficulties existing there in reference to certain timber seized by government officials, was objected to.

mittee, reported the Colorado contested else tion case and gave notice that he would call it up, on Tuesday. The report seats Mr. Patterson, democrat.

beut manufacturers, called at the Elysee on A minority report in favor of Belford was also presented by Mr. Wait, of Conv.

ing the whole case back to Colerate. Mr. Tucker, of Va., introduced a bill for the

relief of Thomas B. Mitchell. A bill to prohibit the sales of intexicating liquors in the Capitol building was reterred. A number of private bills were introduced

The committees were then called, for reports A recort from the Naval Committee to pay Paymaster Cushing occupied the morning hour the exclusion of other business, but was not

without debate. iourn to merrow it be until Monday and then at 2 o'cleek the House adjourned till to merrow at

NOMINATIONS.

The President sent a number of nominations 11 guas, 20 ammunition wagons and 300 prisf4om Virginia: overs. The Russian loss is estimated at 3,000

Virginia; D. P. Potts, Postmaster at Peters Mehemet Ali telegrapis as follows under burg, Va.; Jane F. James. Postmaster at Ash date of Tuesday: "We have advanced beyond land, Va.; John Little, Postmaster at Pred Kamarli. Our lines now confront the Russians, A special from Adrianople says the victory at of Virginia; and T. J. K. Janes, of Md., Col Elena removes all danger of an attack on the lector of Customs at Annapolis; and Theo Harnboghez Pass by the Russians, and conse-Reseveit, Collector; E. A. Meritt, Surveyor; I. quettly enables ten Turkish battalions which have litherto been guarding it to join Sulciman | B. Price, Naval Officer; W. Z. King, Surveyor of the Port of New York. A special reports that the Russians now have

> morning and agreed upon their names for the lider, w standing committees of the Senate.

NOTES.

ments on the committees. Mr. Goode, of Virginia, reported a bill in the

House yesterday to reimburse the College of William and Mary for property destroyed during the war, which was read by its title and put on the private calendar.

The Richmond Whig and the Dispatch are ably represented in Washington by Messrs. A dispatch from Rasgrad says: "A Turkish division from Sarwasuflar has crossed the Lom Elam for the Whig, and Gilman for the Dis-

House.

Mr. Hunton, on Monday, presented in the House the papers relating to the claims of M. N. Davis and J. C. Lewis for compensation for property taken during the war by the U. S.

Gen. Hooker, of Miss., a gallant, accomplished and elegant gentleman, is so warm-blooded, that he always uses a fan in the House.

While hundreds of orphan children, unable to procure a subsistence, are applying for positions in the Capitol as pages, &c., members of Congress are overlooking them, and bestowng their favors, irrespective of real merit, for member has been so actuated by personal coneiderations that he has had a son appointed a of him, and continued the search through the

The Chaplain of the House prays with a tremulcus voice for the President and members of Congress

cast a radiant smile over all. He was warmly welcomed back. The majority of the election committee of the

son, dem., from Colorado. COURT OF APPEALS OF VIRGINIA. - Univer-

lowed from a decree of the Circuit Court of the city of Richmond. Johnson vs. Commonwealth. Writ of error awarded to a judgment of the Hustings Court

of the city of Richmond. Coleman's administratrix vs. Piedmont and Arlington Insurance Co. Fully argued by Jno.

House passed a resolution to send report of the gued by John S. Wise, esq., for the plaintiff in the 26th ult. The murderer escaped to the other defence was that the woman get drunk in the investigating committee relating to Senator Paterror, and J. W. Friend, esq., and Judge Ould side of the river, and General Falcon, as well mill and felt upon the steam pipes, but the docfor the defendant in error.

Letters from Richmond.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.] RICHMOND, Dec. 5 .- The forcible readjusters and repudiators in the Legislature were so determined to get control of the House by the lection of a Speaker holding their views that they besitated at nothing to accomplish that At a preliminary caucus, held by them in the Ballard House at 5 o'clock p. m. on the 4th for all above fifty thousand. instant, they agreed to support Judge II. C. Allen for Speaker, and in their speeches gave the radicals and independent readjusters to understand that they would be permitted to parindependents, some twenty in number, and two | Union League Club. or three radicas, appeared and tock seats in the conservative caucus. A motion was made he and products and to permit none matives to participate in the cau it was voted down by the readjusters,

inde to the independents, who acted as judges in their ewn cases. This left the caucus com based of a heterogeneous conglomeration of otservatives, radiculs, independent conservaives and independent radicals. This packed ody then nominated Henry C. Allen by a ma-

er Aller. You published to-day by telegraph the or contaition of the House and the Governor's message. The Senate, Lieutenant Governor The agents of the steamer City of Berlin Che island. Thomas presiding, re-elected Shelton C. Davis, from New York for Lieutenant, expression dubt. The relocation Thomas presiding, re-elected Shelton C. Davis, from New York for Liverpool, expressing ducht Clerk, and W. W. Harrison, Sergeant-at-Arms. Of her arrival very snown to they think size has their the reading of the message both houses and with some secident to her made in 175. ar journed until to morrow.

RCHMOND, Dec. 5 .- The present session of the legislature, which promises to be a memoable one, has given indications of a warm fight between the readjusters and the debt payers. The former have arrayed themselves in line of of 41 to 18, the vote being the same as before, battle and present a front unbreken with men uguismayed by anything that has been flung too is the other side. The relative strength of was well shown by the vote in the caucus last | was uninjured. night between Hauger and Ailen, in which the former received 64 and the latter 52.

Mr. Hanger was beaten because he stood by the Funding Bill. The readjusters are out and out against it. Both parties will hold several caucuses and work carefully. Hence neither s new showing its hands.

This morning the House met at 12 o'e'eck and proceeded at once to elect a speaker. The hall and the galleries were packed. The outpreportions. The House was called to order y Clerk Bigger.

Dr. Hore, the well known Presbyterian di vine, opened the proceedings with prayer, in which he invoked the aid of the Supreme Power to guide the Legislature safely through the grave questions which come before it afficing the honor and welfare of the Commoswealth.

Bir. T. T. Fauntlerey, of Winchester, then neminated for the position of Speaker Judge Ii. C. Allen, of Sheeandoah.

leader of the followers of Mr. Hanger last hold the balance of power in the conservative night, arose and said he would vote for Mr. eaucus, it seems agreed that there shall be no Allen with pleasure He paid a glowing tri- more caucussing. Four officers of the House he had no doubt but that his son would follow effort on the part of Gen. Anderson to heal all

speech upon taking the chair, in which he asked the aid and co operation of the House,

Mr. Levell then nominated for Clerk of the the offices. Herse the present incumbent, Mr. John Beil Mr. T. G. Popham, readjuster, said it had

always been the custom to nominate this officer in caucus. The Speaker decided that his remarks were

out of order. Mr. Popham moved an adjournment, which

was lost by a vote of 27 to 98. It is understood that the readjusters desired to have all the officers of the House nominated

in caucus, and I have been informed by several conflamen, who voted for the resolution, that hey did not do so because of any of jection to Mr. Bigger, but because they wanted to carry with snow yesterday afternoon. out the former usages of the House. I also heard this morning, before the vote was taken, that Gen. Terry, of Bedford, and Capt. John A. McCaull, of Roanoke, were spoken of for Gen. James C. Hill was re elected Surgeant

st Arm: without opposition.

There was a lively fightfor First Doorkeener. the bear 5 d d last year by Col. C. T. Critten-Contract Henrico, Carter Harrison of Richthood. Torocr W. Ashby of Alexandria, and Isaac Will of Carroll were put in nomination. At this point, the newly elected Delegate from Alexandria, Mr. Alex. Hunter, made his opening speech, in which he at once elicited the close attention of the House. He paid a respiration is laborious. His mind, however, glowing and elequent tribute to Col. Ashby's continues elear. The common opinion is that worth, and fitness for the position.

As I telegraphed this morning, Mr. Cottrell Sceand Doorkeeper.

In the Senate, nothing of any importance was done, but the readjusters state that they have a sufficient majority there to carry through all measures started in the House.

STRONGBOW.

TRAGIC DEATH OF AN AERONAUT -Hoff man's "Balloon Show" exhibited at Manning, S. C., last Friday. A balloon ascension constituted a part of the programme; the balloon ascended about five o'clock p. m., a young man, aged apparently about 20 years, going up with it astride of a trapeze bar attached to the balloon by ropes. The main rope, several gards ong, attached to the balloon for the purpose of polling it down when it had reached a sufficient altitude, broke and the balloon shot up like an | the war. arrow to a dizzy height, and drifted rapidly a tward to the distance of half a mile, where it seemed to have encountered a stronger current as it gyrated a few moments, and bore northeast for half a mile further, when it descended and was lost to view by the trees of Ox Swamp. After waiting some time and hearing no tidings of on the field of battle. the aeronaut, a number of persons went in search greater part of the night without success; but being resumed carly the next morning, the lifeless body of the young man, partially submerged in the water of the swamp, was found impaled on a sharp stump, or what is usually known as a "cypress knee," and the balloon was found in a tree hard by. Charlie Hill, the unfortunate adventurer, appeared to be an Irishman of good has, it is said, a mother in Washington, D. C., in North Carolina. After an inquest and verstrange hands in the cemetery at this place. her with a red hot poker, burning her exposed. Perhaps these paragraphs may strike the eye of flesh. Not content with this manner of torture, some one to whom the poor boy was near and the woman removed the blistered skin caused dear .- Charleston Courier.

The Mexican authorities at Piedras Negras, opposite Fort Duncan, refuse to deliver up the Howard, esq., for the plaintiff in error, and murderer Zaberino Avalos, who is a Mexican Col. II. C. Cabell for the defendant in error, soldier. He came to Eagle Pass, and, being the American sheriff any satisfaction whatever. Lindsay vs. Cockery, &c. Partly argued by Nothing has been heard from Lieuts. Bullis sufficient punisament for such a diabolical out-

News of the Day.

A bill introduced in the House yesterday proposed a tax on incomes from one per cent. for incomes between one and two thousand, gradually increasing to three per cent. for incomes between twenty three and thirty five

Francis Copcolt was found dead in bed yesterday in a Fifth Avenue, New York, apartment house, and it is uccertain whether he committed suicide or died by accident. His tiespate in the conservative ciucus to be held face was in a pan containing choloroform. He that night. Acting upon that intimation the was a wealthy importer and member of the the communication. By the terms of this deed that night. Acting upon that intimation the was a wealthy importer and member of the the communication. By the terms of this deed that night.

> General Ord says the Mexican people and authorities on the lower Rio Grande were in sympathy with the raiders into Texas, and intimutes that the force stationed there is untire ly igad quate to protect the frontier and pursue the raiders

> An election was hold in Georgia yesterday for members of the Legislature and to ratify the new State Constitution. The returns ledt cate its ratification and that Atlanta will con-

was the cause.

has advised, and the Syndicate proposes, a subscription for 10 000,000 of 4 per cent bends. The German National Bank at College has

decided to go into I quidation. Hon. John H. Burleigh, ex-member of Congress for the first Maire district and President sgainst them. They are well organized. So of the South Berwich National Bank was kil ad lest night by his horse sheering off a bridge over the Salmontalls river, falling a distance of 25 the two parties isside of the conservative party feet. The carriage was wreeked, but the horse

> The Presbytery of Newark have adopted resolutions asking Rev. Mr. See to explain why he has not fellowed the advice of the presby-tery and resigned the pastorate of the Wyck- Cough Syrup and that family now keeps it on lift. Charak. He will associate the Wyckliffs Church. He will a swer in writing next hand always, and recommends it. Only costs 25

> > Virginia News.

The Washington correspondent of the Richmond Whig says: "The statement that ex Governor Walker will not be a cardidate for re-election from the Richmood Congressional district is subject to modification, as the ext Governor is not implacable in this matter. Gen. Pridemore, too, is said to be pledged not to be a candidate for the next term, and he will the fight which is destined to assume gigantic re-election from the Richmond Congressional doubtless receds if any of his former competitors for the nomination demand it, but it seems that all of them, including Lieutonaus Goverpor Walker and State Senator Fulkerson, have esq, all of Loudoun county, Va. flown the track, leaving Gan. Pridemore with | On December 5, at Graze Church, Baltimore,

bute to the father of that gentleman, and said were elected yesterday without the interposition of the caucas. A number of the most in the footsters of his illustrious predecessor. preminent and able of the Conservatives have Here, in the beginning, was a commendable stated that they would never go into another Robert Frockett, of Alexandria 22. The fa-

Judge Alien was elected without opposition A. Swann are making a close canvass for the and took his seat. He made a very short Superintendercy of the Penitentiary. Nearly and promised to conduct its proceedings with justers, who are steredly pledged to measures rigid impartiality.

> A penitentiary convict in the camp near Lynchburg was killed last Tuesday by the necidental discharge of cun a in the hands of one of the guards.

The marriage of Mr. A. M. Adeer, of Charleston, and Miss Nannie Paul, of Petersburg, was celebrated with great coremony in the lat-

ter city last night. John Wayt, fermerly teller in the Fast National Bank, at Staupton, died yesterday.

Gen. J. L. Gordon, a prominent citizen of Louisa county, died last Monday night. The Blue Ridge Mountains were covered

The Cit'zens' Bank of Petersburg has gone isto Equidation.

Miscellaneous Foreign News.

At yesterday's Liverpool Town Council the Mayor announced his intention of meeting Mr. Welsh, the newly appointed American Minister to Great Britain, on his arrival at Liverpool, and run for the place this year. and welcoming him to England. He invited N. Higes of Pittsylvania, A. B. the members of the Couscil to join bim.

The London striking masons' committee has received information that from one hundred to two bundred additional Garman musous had left Stuttgart for Landon.

A special from Rome states that the hands and aims of the Pope are swelling, and that his the end is rapidly approaching. Very little concern is shown about the political consequenwas elected. Mr. A. O. Sullivan was re-elected | ees of his death. Another Rome disputch, however, states that the symptoms are slightly ameliorated.

A dispatch from Cape Town, dated the 16th of October last, says that a Kiffic war has broken out in Kaffearia, on the eastern frontier of Cape Town, and that all available troops and volunteers have been sent forward. The telegrams so far received from the frantier are vague and contradictory, and it is impossible to gain from them a clear idea as to the situation of affairs. The Governor has sent a message to the refractory chief, Kreli, and the Gavernor, Colonial Secretary, Commissioner of Public Works and Scoretary of Native Affairs are at present at King William's Town, giving personal attention to makters in connection with

Captain General Jovellar, of Cuba, denies the report that a secret order had been issued General Martinez Campos commanding all military chiefs to cause all prisoners of war to be shot and then reported as having been killed The proprietors of the Iaman steamship line

express entire confidence in the safety of the steamer City of Berlin, now twelve days out from New York for Queenstown and Liverpool.

FEMININE FRIENDSHIP. - A most cruel and

fiendish outrage was committed by a woman last Wednesday in Lawrence, H ass. It appears that Mary Leary was jealous of Bridget Murappearance, frank and manly countenance, and | phy, and entited her into her house, as report has it, where the Murphy woman says she was and had been with the Hoffman show since the drugged with whiskey and snuff and rendered 25th of September last, having been employed insensible. She further says she came to consciousness by realizing the most agonizing pain dict in accordance with the facts, the body of and found herself on the Leary woman's bid. Chirlie was laid away to rest by kind though her clothing removed, and Leary standing over by the terrible burning, and again applied the heated iron to the raw flesh. The Murphy woman, wild with agony, sprang from the bed and rushed to her home, where she has since been a terrible sufferer. This morning the case was brought before Judge Harmon, and the above story was substantiated by Ur. Sullivan, who drunk, shot a blind man dead who was being attended the injured woman, so far as a judgled in the street by a boy. This occurred on ment of the nature of the wounds meant. The as the Mexican civil authorities, refuse to give tor stated that the wound could have been produced only by searing with a heated iron. The Court said the jurisdiction could not mete out John Johns, ir., for the appellant and conting and Young, who have been securing in Mexico rage, and he held the prisoner for a trial at the sum of \$800,—Bost, Glob. | GOOD GROCERIES at LOW PRICES at Superior Court in the sum of \$800,—Bost, Glob.

THE MASON'S ISLAND CAUSEWAY .- The Washington Republican says: As solicitor for the heirs of William A. Bradley, Mr. Reginald Fendall has transmitted to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia a communication in relation to the damage to the causeway conthousand, four per cent. for incomes between needing Mason's Island with the western shore thirty-five and fifty thousand, and five per cent. on the mainland, caused by the recent freshet, and calls upon the Comedissioners, as successors to the corporation of Georgetown, to put the said cruseway in good repair, in compliance with the deed executed by the corporation of Georgetown and General Mason, on the 1st of June, 1805, a copy of which is enclosed with compensation to be made to the proprietors of the island in money for any loss or injury they may sustain in case of failure or emission on the part of said corporation or its successors to construct and maintain a causeway adequate to the exigencies which might arise. He also notifies the Commissioners that the tenants of the Bradley being excupying the island are suffering great inconvenience and positive loss from the present disprinted countries, and that it is likely to cause has to the ice company if uni jority of five. Mushbach voted for Hanger, who stands equarely upon the platform adopted by the late conservative convention, and Hunter and fifty years, endeavoted to poison her Thomas Concerns their mayor of Georgetowe, hine year old daughter, and then paisoned the purpose being to the wall the water into herself. The child may recover. Destitution the eastern channel, in order to char away ob structions for newlessing in the channel below

The schooner Mary A. Chese, Cast. W. U. Law, toutage two handred and fifty, loaded with construits and may round bound from Exe-A dispatch was sent to Secretary Sherman used. West indies to sew Yers, esmanshers the used that the Lucden Association vesterday, stating that the Lucden Association vester and out contains the contains and Zirth, erin inshing eresy were saved

> The Signal Services observer at Kitsy Hawk. reports, to the chief signal offices, at 9 s.m to day that the body of a man was found four miles north of No 5 station, y study, and was built

> Auditor Taylor says the Moffest Equer law has been a great success, and he hopes that it will not be repealed.

> A splendld breekess on the table surrounded cents a botcle.

Read I Elebberg's new advertisement.

Becomber 4th, 1877, at the residence of the brile's other, by New Ja H. Crenshaw, Mr. HeN Y MADISON PAYLOR and Miss MAGISE E. HALE F, daughter of Juo. Haley,

none of his opponents who can claim this pledge.

The Richmond Dispatch says:—Inasmuch as republicans, or those elected by republicans, and grandle gr

DIEB.

At 6 o'clock p. m., on Wednesdey, Dec'r. 5. 18.7, in the city of Saltimore, LIZZIE BEOCKETF, cld stchild of William A and Nannie C. Hart, and trand-daughter of late heral will take place from the Second Presby'n. Church, Alexandria, (Rev. Mr. Diawiddie to-Gen. R. Lindsay Walker and Col. Samuel | morrow (Friday) stiernoon, at two o'clock. The friends of the family are invited

Superintendercy of the Penitentiary. Nearly all the Capitol officers expect to have opposition. Some of them are featful that the readand Elizabeth Wabster.

In Baltimore, on the 4th of December, after a long and painful illness, CHARLES G. GAL LION, in the 25th year of his sg , having a wife and two chodeen to mourn their loss.

OPENING AND CLOSING OF MAILS, - Until mether notice the following will be the hours for the opening and closing of the mails: OPENING

Northern mails, 8:30 s. m. and 7:15 p. m. Western 9.15 s. m. and 7:15 p. m. Southwestern, via Gordonsville and Lynch burg, 7:00 p. m. Washington and Obio, Alexandria to Round

Hill, Va., 3:30 p. m.
Matro ses Division, 2:30 p. m.
Southern, via Fredericksburg and Richmond Va., SEU a. io, and last p. io

CLOSING. Northern and Western totals, 5:15 p. m. and 8:30 p. m. Southwestern, via Lynchburg and Gordonsville, 7:00 s. m. Washington and Ohio, Round Hill to Alex

andria, 8:00 a. m. Manassas Division, 7:00 a. m. Southern mails, via Richmond and Freder-leksburg, Va., 5:15 p. m. and 8:30 p. m. Lynct burg and points South, 8:30 p. m. Sunday-Office open at 9:00 a. m; closes 9:30

zer General delivery window closes at 8:00 p. m. Doors close at 1800 p. m.

BAISINS-Layer, London Layer and Va-lancia Raisins just received by nov 8 P. B. LAWSON & CO. MINOE MEAT-Beliason and Lockle's, untivable Mince Meet for sale, in quantities to suit, [nov 8] W. A. JOHNSON.

FINE ASSORTMENT OF CHILDREN'S HAND-KNIT WORSTED SACQUES, at nov 3 FREGUSOR & BRO. S. 95 King st. VASES for decoration, new patterns, rec'd

E. J. MILLER & CO. GRANITE IRON, TEA AND COFFEE POTS AND LADLES.

NOV 50 MCLEAR & HELER, 107 King st CHOICE NEW BUURWIESAT PLOUR B. B LAWSON & CO. hev 8

ARGUST, PLST and CREAPEST STOCK LI OF LADIE: 100 FM in the city at 110 King street [row 27] WADDEY. [nov 27] SUGARS-White and Brown Sugars, 102'd to day and for sale very cheap by nov 2)

J. C. & E. MILBURN

E. PEA:s-5 bags Black Eya Peas just re-J C & M. MILBURN. LOV 13 TABLE AND FOCKET CUTLERY, in A great variety, at Metallan & UHLER'S SUGAR CURED HAMS, Shoulders, and Breakfast Bacon for sale by nov 7 R. B. LAWSON & CO.

ARGE and MEDIUM SHORE COD FISH received to day by J. C. & MILBURN. MINCE MEAT and CHANBERRIES for nov 14 BAMSAY'S CORNER.

NEW BUCK WHEAT FLOUR and FRESH OAT MEAD, received this day by DAVY & HARMON.

DRIED SUGAR CORN, received and for DAVY & HARMON. oct 10 DRIED APPLES and PEACHES just re-J. C. & E. MILBURN. nov 12

NEW CANNED PEACHES and TOMA TOES just received by R. B. LAWSON & CO. SIFTERS! SIFTERS! SIFTERS! Flour and Coal Sifters of all kinds. nev 27 MCLEAN & UHLER, 107 King st.

FRESH CANNED TOMATOES, 2 and 3 lb sizes, for sale cheap by nov 27 J. C. & E. MILBURN. DOOR MATS and CLOTHES HORSES at MCLEAN & UHLERS.

THURSDAY EVENING, DECEMBER

Mr. Tucker, of this State. He said : "Tae reason the rule has become obsolete

strict construction of the Constitution. Dream | killed and wounded. ers may revel to such abstractions, but in this materialistic age, the country, and this portion of it, now, more than any other, wants all the help it can receive from the general govern ment, irrespective of such clauses in the constitution as some think may prohibit that help. The disregard of those clauses, or rather of the strict constructionists' interpretation of them, by the republicans, whenever it was to their interest to do so, has assisted in no small degree to advance the wealth and prosperity of the North and West at the expense of the South,

The good effect produced by Gov. Kemper's excellent mes-age was sally marred, yesterday, received from Tarkey or England. The final not so much by the election of Judge Alien as arrangements between Servia and Russia do not doubtless make a fair and able presiding officer, as by the spirit exhibited by the readjusters in and taken Popkoi. It is now marching in the nominating him. They showed that the ob- direction of Verbeca. servance of party lines was of little or no importance to them in effecting a desired object. which the Indians are reported to have completely invested. The infantry at Standing Rock will join these forces, and companies from Forts

in view of the severe weather and bad roads of the Governor, and act accordingly. The United States Senate was low enough

The Washington Post, a new democratic that it will merit a large patronage.

of March, 1879. The Fredericksburg Star says: -Judge Bond has affirmed the decision of Judge Hughes in

plan of campaign for the execution of which it

was necessary to prepare public opinion. This

unanimously ery out, 'You see what the Left

demand-a coup d'etat against the Senate, the

dishonor of the Marshal. It is impossible to

come to an understanding with them.' Next

day, when everybody believes negotiations

about to begin, an official note announces that

they are broken off; that the President cannot

yield to the demand of the Left and disavow

himself and the Senate. In other words, ad-

vantage is taken of the individual unofficial and

almost confidential act of a Senater in order to

strike with ill disguised enthusiasm into the

proceedings in the Chamber, what will the

President do? That is difficult to say. It is

terrible to contemplate a dissolution involving

In Parliamentary circles last evening, in con-

sequence of the groups of the Left having pro-

tested against the imputation that they wished

to modify the Constitution, an arrangement is

not thought impossible. Negotiations to that

end are believed to be imminent. It is rumored

that the Laft are inclined to postpone debate

upon the budget question until Monday, in or-

der to facilitate the negotiations. M. DeWelche,

Minister of the Interior, receiving the Mayors

of Paris and others to day, declared that the Marshal's was not a coup d'etat Government,

but would respect the law, the Constitution and

M. Dufaure conferred with President Mac

Mahon two hours yesterday (Wednesday) even-

ing. The Soir considers that there are strong

indications of the formation of a Dufaure Cab-

inet. Well informed correspondents of the Lon-

don papers do not share in these sanguine an-

Paris, D.c. 6-Afternoon.-M. Dufaure is

now and avering to form a parliamentary Cabi-

pet. It is thought likely that he will succeed

Teisseerene, DeBert and Leon Say as colleagues.

Paris dispatch states that a delegation of El

Wednesday, to present a petition to President

LONDON, Dec. 6.-A telegram from Paris

says:-"It is stated that negotiations between

[Note.-M. Bathie is probably acting for the

The Soliel states that M. Dofaure is willing

to conduct negotiations to the point or forming

a ministry, but is unwilling to accept office him-

The Eastern War.

A dispatch from Suleiman Pasha, dated

l'desday, confirms the capture of Elena, with

tople as Minister of Public Works.

who have tallen back on Wretchesh.

280 guns in position before Erzeroum.

appointed Chief of the Servian Staff.

seem to be complete.

A Bucharest dispatch states that the Ro

manian General Lappre has been ordered to

stacken his advance from Lem Palanka to Wid

din. It is said these instructions were given so

that he may operate with the Servisos. The

number of the defenders of Widdin has been

raised to 12,000 by arming the inhabitants of

the surrounding district. Gen. Praties has been

Austria has sent a remonstrance against Servia's participation in the war. No note has been

The Indians.

I, E, L and M of the Seventh cavalry, number-

ing one hundred and eighty four men, to move

immediately from Fort Lincoln to Deadwood,

Sneiling and Sisseton are also to participate in

the march. Thirty-two wagons will accompany

the expedition. The start will be made as soon

as possible, some preparation being necessary

The force of Indians is reported at 600, and they

are said to have committed some depredations.

The officers there believe the accounts are ex-

aggerated, and that there will be no serious en-

Advices have been received which lead to the

belief that some of the Indians now fighting in

the neighborhood of the Black Hills are of the

delegation which was recently in Washington

holding numerous interviews with the Presi

dent. About eight thousand Indians are seat-

tered along the route from one hundred miles

this side of the agency on the new reservation,

bring the winter's provisions to the Indians, and

so by starvation they are driven to their old

style of living. It is thought at the department

that a general Sioux war will be waged during

The South Carolina Legislature yesterday

elected A. C. Haskell associate justice of the

Supreme Court in place of Wright, resigned:

W. H. Wallace, judge of the seventh circuit,

in place of Northrup, resigned; Leroy F. You-

resentatives, which will be filled to day. The

A. F. Beas, the cashier of the Reading Sav-

tersen to the U S Senate.

embezzling \$25,000 of the assets.

Orders have been issued for companies

Pasha's army.

The Figure names as among the probable

the Republic.'

ticipalions.

From Washington. SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE GAZETTE. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 6. SENATE

The Senate met at noon, and as soon as the opening ex reises were completed, Mr. Authory introduced a resolution for the lection of the standing committees of the Sen-

A petition for an international convention to

hope of obtaining a little. Immediately the Right presented by Mr. Diwes and referred. Mr. Withers introduced a resolution that the

> next at one o'clock, and thence forward from day to day until it was disposed of.

Silver bill would not be fixed for Monday. The proposal to fix a day was discussed by

The Chair responded that it could be so say

an illegai collection of texes, and it is painful to see the Marshal beamed in between violence and dissolution. But judging by the past, it is Johnson voting with the majority. course which is mest dreaded by moderate

was then taken up and discussed and apopted.

A resolution of exquiry as to what lands have been erroneeusly granted to certain railroads, and what means should be taken to recover said lands, was referred.

ed to. A resolution to appoint a committee to visit

Rumor mentions M. Waddington as probable fereign minister and M. Marcere for Minister of the Interior with MM. Batbie, Bardoux, Mr. Harris, of Va., from the Election Com-

Mr. Cox, of Ohio, submitted a report send-

and referred.

disposed of, when The Post Route bill was taken up and pased It was determined that when the House ad-

to the House to day, ircluding the following Warren S. Lurty, of Va., Attorney for the United States for the Western District o mont, West Va.; James D. Brady, of Va., Col lector of Internal Revenue for Second District

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS. The democratic Senators met in caucas this

With the exception of Mr. Harris and perhaps Mr. Goode, the relations existing between Speaker Randall and the Virginia delegation are not the most cordial, the coolness arising, it is said, on account of Mr. Pandall's appoint-

Nearly nineteen hundred bills, principally of a private character, have so far been introduced and referred in the House.

Mr. Stephons, of Ga, has doffel his silk and donned a slouch, which he we are in the

Mr. Regan, of Texas, Confederate Postmaster General, death on Postoffice affairs and rules. political effect, or more sorded motives, and one

S. S. Cox made his appearance in the House to day after a rather protracted absence, and

sal Life Insurance vs. Cogbill, &c. Appeal al

mans, attorney general, in place of Gen. Conner, resigned. Wallace's election created a vacancy in the speakership of the House of Rep. Howard, esq., and submitted. Backhouse's administratrix vs. Selden. Ar-

Thorton ve. Butler, &c. Continued.